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SUBJECT: AFL-CIO INVITATIONS TO NORDIC UNION OFFICIALS

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1. TCO PRESIDENT BODSTROM HAS WRITTEN LETTER DATED DECEMBER 17 TO AMBASSADOR EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR LATTER'S AND LABATT'S INITIATIVE IN ARRANGING OCTOBER VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF LO/TCO DELEGATION. BODSTROM STATES THAT DELEGATION INVITED AFL-CIO TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO SWEDEN AND HOPEFULLY ANTICIPATES SUCH VISIT WILL OCCUR SOMETIME DURING 1976. BODSTROM GOES ON TO SAY: "AS A CONFIRMATION THAT GEORGE MEANY REALLY MEANT WHAT HE SAID WHEN HE EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE OF FURTHER CONTACTS BETWEEN OUR ORGANIZATIONS, I HAVE TODAY RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM HIM TO VISIT THE AFL-CIO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DURING ITS MID-WINTER MEETING IN FLORIDA. THE SAME INVITATION HAS BEEN SENT TO THE PRESIDENTS OF THE LO IN SWEDEN, NORWAY, DENMARK, FINLAND AND ICELAND."

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2. IN HIS COMMENTS ON VISIT TO WASHINGTON, BODSTROM
REFERS TO MEETINGS WITH MEANY, KIRLAND AND GOLDFINGER
AND HIS "KEEN INTERST" IN WHAT DELEGATION WAS TOLD ABOUT
AFL-CIO ACTIVITY TO INFLUENCE US ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
POLICY, BUT ADDS: "WE DID NOT DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL
MATTERS, FOR WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT WE ARE LIVING
UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT MEANINGFUL COMPARISONS
BETWEEN US CANNOT BE MADE."

3. COMMENT: IN CONVERSATION SEVERAL DAYS AGO WITH
LABATT, LO INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY, THORBJORN CARLSSON,
WHO WAS MEMBER OF LO/TCO DELEGATION, ALSO POINTEDLY
MENTIONED THAT AFL-CIO HOSTS HAD NOT INTRODUCED ANY
DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL MATTERS. VISITORS ASSUMED
THIS WAS DELIBERATE, HE EXPLAINED, AND AS MATTER OF
COURTESY SKIRTED THIS AREA AS WELL.
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